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BARGAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

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• LAYOFF INFORMATION

IF YOU WERE LAID OFF JULY 26-AUGUST 1ST - All laid off members who were previously laid off must go back into the unemployment system on or after Sunday, August 15th and file a voucher. **YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO OPEN A NEW CLAIM.** You have until 8:59 EST, Saturday, August 21st, but please do not wait that long. Unemployment claims can only be submitted electronically at www.in.gov/dwd/unemployment. If you have questions or you are not sure how to answer or do not understand, call the Indiana Unemployment Call Center in Indianapolis, 800-891-6499 for assistance. You may also file at any Indiana Work One center if you do not have a computer.

IF YOU WERE NOT LAID OFF JULY 26-AUGUST 1ST - - All NEWLY laid off members must open an unemployment claim with the State of Indiana, between Sunday, August 8th, 2021 and Saturday, August 14th, 2021. You have until 8:59 EST, Saturday, August 14th, but please do not wait that long. Unemployment claims can only be submitted electronically at www.in.gov/dwd/unemployment. If you have questions or you are not sure how to answer or do not understand, call the Indiana Unemployment Call Center in Indianapolis, 800-891-6499 for assistance. You may also file at any Indiana Work One center if you do not have a computer. You must have an active e-mail address. It is recommended that you log into the unemployment site and review/watch the tutorials which walk you through the process. If you have filed in Indiana before, type in your user name and password and click “sign on”. Otherwise, if this is your first time, click on “New User Registration” and complete your information and then open a new claim. After the first week, you must log back in on or after Sunday August 15th, 2021 and “File A Weekly Claim”. But remember, you only have until Saturday, August 21st, 2021 at 8:59PM. In the event there is additional time off, you will repeat this process until you return to work.

If you have unemployment benefits in another state since recently transferring to FWA from another state such as Ohio, you must file for the benefits from that state until they are exhausted before filing in Indiana.

Once a claim is open, all available vouchers are there for them to file. They will just go in and select the earliest vouchers they need to file. There is no “reopen” two-step process anymore if the claim is already open. The only two-step process is filing a new claim. The unemployment situation is very fluid and as we get more information, we will get out to the membership as soon as possible via Chairman’s or President’s report. Please keep your eyes and ears open for new information.

• LAID OFF/LACK OF WORK (claim issue per the Department of Workforce Development)

The following was received directly from Indiana Department of Workforce Development:

Employers have 13 days to respond to the notification that an individual is filing for benefits and to provide information regarding the separation. That specific issue is resolved shortly after the employer response period has passed. Throughout the pandemic, 80-85% of claims have been paid within 21 Days, UNLESS there are further issues that need fixed

Since this is still within the 21-day timeframe, there is no need to panic. If it is past that timeframe, it is more than likely that there is another issue on your account. Each claim is fact specific and you may have other issues that your co-worker doesn’t have which could affect your claim.

• SUPPLEMENTAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (SUB PAY)

In Progression and Traditional Full-Time members, with a minimum of one year and one day seniority, placed on layoff are eligible to apply for SUB. Flex, Temps, and new In-Progression members with less than one year and one day seniority are not eligible.

After receiving confirmation from your State Department of Unemployment that you **RECEIVED YOUR UNEMPLOYMENT DEPOSIT IN YOUR BANK ACCOUNT OR PAY CARD**, then you can apply for SUB for week ending August 15th, 2021 by logging into layoffbenefits.com by following the instructions below or calling "VRU" at 800-489-4646.

- > layoffbenefits.com
- > click on the GM logo
- > Click on my layoff benefits
- > Enter GMIN

Members starting a new unemployment benefit period must first enter the "**Set up Your Monetary Determination**" information which is your **Benefit Begin Date**, **WBA Weekly Benefit Amount** and **MBA Maximum Benefit Amount**. Then click on "**Apply for a Weekly Benefit**" and click on August 15th, 2021.

• IMPORTANT "WILLFUL MISREPRESENTATION"

You must be unemployment eligible to be SUB eligible. There has been language in the SUB agreement for many years called "Willful Misrepresentation", which means when you file for SUB and answer "yes" to either the question that records indicate, you served a state system waiting week, or "yes" to the question that asks if you received (were paid) a state unemployment weekly benefit of \$390" (example of Indiana weekly rate) and did not because of a mistake or failure to file on time and do not have proof on your state employment your benefits paid will be recovered by the Company and you will be disqualified for the duration of that lay off period. Either wait to file until the issue is resolved for that week or answer "no". You may have to file a manual SUB form if there is a problem with your first week, contact your benefit reps.

*** THERE IS NO REASON TO BE DISRESPECTFUL TO the Shop Chairman, Zone Committeemen, Committeeperson, President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, Benefit Reps, Training Department Personnel and Union Hall office staff. If you need clarification see July 16th Bargaining Report. All of the above people are trying to help the best we can. If you were NOT in the UAW, you would get ZERO help/guidance. The UAW or GM are not responsible for the incompetency of the state unemployment dept. All names of those on layoff were turned in on Friday July 23rd and again on Thursday August fifth. If one person received their claim, that means they were all sent and the unemployment office can't keep up. Indiana is not an AUTOSUB state which creates the problem.

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